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Is this the start of an Olympic dream?

by Marion Draper

SOUTH Petherton teenager Brett Harrison is on the way to his own Olympic dream this weekend as a member of the Somerset Schools Athletic Association, when he takes part in the AVIVA English Schools' Athletic Association track and field championships at Gateshead International Stadium.

At only 14, he is officially the second fastest 100m runner in the south west for under 15 boys and 12th in the UK with a time of 11:54 so far, and loves to run.

A student at Stanchester School, it was thanks to his mum, Claire Bacon, that he was steered in the right direction to hone his talent.

She too was sprinter and had been a member of the Yeovil Olympiads Athletics Club. She knew that Brett would get special coaching there. Claire said: "If I had been one of those mums who didn't know the Olympiads were there, he may not have got the help and facilities that he needed.

"It is great there because there are all ages and the adults help the younger ones, it is like a big family. I so enjoy going to watch him train. It is hard to find a good athletics coach, there is too much emphasis on football and most are volunteers, but we have found one in Exeter who will give him one to one."

Brett has been through various stages of competition, each time being chosen in the top three, the last being the South West Schools Inter County Championship where he excelled in the 100 and relay. Now he is one of only 25 going to the nationals, three from his school, were he competes today and tomorrow, representing Somerset, with the finals being on Sky TV.

The young sprinter said he realised he was fast when he used to play football. When the team he played for folded Brett decided to focus on his running. He said: "I really love to run and train twice a week, it fills up your weekends and I like travelling to other places and meeting more people. I used to eat a lot of junk food but I'm trying to do better now and I go to the gym at Stanchester too.

■ **AIMING HIGH: Brett Harrison Sprinting for Somerset**

"I do get nervous but I think it's a really good experience to go up to Gateshead, I hope to get to the Olympics one day. The best thing about running is when I get a personal best, I always want to get it down next time."

Brett added that his friends have been very supportive and the school has helped with the travelling expenses on this trip. He has paid for his own kit but for the future, he would be grateful for any sponsorship. Although he has his Olympic dream, he does have a practical side and for a career he would like to be a policeman or a PE teacher.

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These schemes are already up and running in many areas and are proven to help reduce speeding vehicles, adding to the safety of the community.

Anyone who is interested is asked to contact PCSO Oaten at Chard Police Station by telephoning 101. He can then arrange a visit a a Community Speedwatch session, which will give first-hand experience of what they do.

Generally three or more volunteers are needed who will be trained in the use of the equipment. The sessions are run at the convenience of those who are interested.

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New pharmacy given go ahead after iluminated signs controversy

By Alex Alexander

DOCTORS hoping to open a new pharmacy at Crewkerne Health Centre have finally got the green light from planners.

The GPs have been toing and fro-ing with planning applications for the last six months but this week heard that all their ducks are in a row.

The surgery in Middle Path unsuccessfully applied earlier this year for permission to erect three illuminated pharmacy signs.

Neighbours and town councillors objected, as did their South Somerset colleagues, prompting the health team to submit a scaled-down application for two signs with only one illuminated.

The South Somerset planning officer considering the latest application noted: "The Health Centre is a relatively large modern redbrick building situated next to the hospital, which is situated in a predominantly residential area.

"It is a pleasant residential area and there is very little signage for the hospital or the health centre, which, together with the landscaping of the site, helps to preserve the character of the area.

"The proposal has been amended by reducing the number of signs, deleting the internal illumination and altering their materials and form."

Recommending approval, the officer concluded: "The proposed signs would now be traditional in their design, form and material and relate well to the building."

■ SOUTH Somerset planners also granted a certificate of "lawful development" to the health centre in May, paving the way for the new pharmacy.

Doctors hope to open their new pharmacy this summer.

WI surprise supporter with birthday party

IT was the best-kept secret in Misterton for years - a surprise 80th birthday party for retired farmer Dennis Samways.

He may have been born in the midst of the "Great Depression" on July 2nd, 1932, but Dennis had plenty to smile about on Monday of this week when he stepped inside Misterton WI Hall.

Forty friends and neighbours were surreptitiously waiting to regale him with a chorus of "Happy Birthday" before tucking into a celebration tea, including a farm-themed birthday cake with edible chickens, sheep, pigs and cows.

A delighted Dennis was momentarily taken aback when he entered the hall, having been lured there by WI member Jenny Turner with a story about missing keys.

Misterton WI secretary and head cook and bottle washer, Carol Walker, was one of the plotters behind the top-secret party.

She said: "Dennis is a long-time resident of Misterton and is a well-known local character and joker.

"He owns a Jack Russell called Dan and can be seen walking him several times a day come rain or shine.

"Until a few years ago, Dennis had his own allotment which he kept in pristine condition until he had to give it up as it became a bit too much for him.

"But Dennis now supports all our events, including fundraisers.

"The party is our way of thanking him for his continuing support."

Dennis and the guests tucked into sandwiches and nibbles before cutting the special birthday cake, made by resident "cake queen" Pat Gaston.

■ CHEERS: Birthday boy Dennis toasts the WI team, including Jenny Turner (right), who tricked him into attending his own party

Helping make Crewkerne a better place

ALL are invited to the annual general meeting of A Better Crewkerne and District (ABCD) to find out how they could make Crewkerne a better place to live.

ABCD is a registered charity that was set up to help make Crewkerne and the surrounding area a better place to live and work. Over the past few years ABCD has worked with a variety of organisations to bring about a wide array of improvements to the town. These have included the George Reynolds Centre; the new sports, youth and children's facility currently being built at Henhayes; promoting Crewkerne in a marketing project to encourage more visitors to the area; the pedestrian link connecting Falkland Square to the George Shopping Precinct; and Crewkerne Showcase - an exhibition highlighting the business and community sector in the area.

The next six months will be an important period for ABCD as it consults with residents to update the Community Plan for Crewkerne & District. The results of the consultation will provide the focus for future ABCD projects.

The AGM will also include elections to the executive committee. Anyone interested in joining the committee should notify the secretary Diane Butler by Tuesday, July 17th in writing to ABCD c/o Diane Butler, Crewkerne Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne, TA18 7LN.

The AGM will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, July 24th in the Heritage Centre, East Street, Crewkerne.

W news briefing

Detectives searching for hooded car-jackers

DETECTIVES are hunting a pair of hooded car-jackers who apparently forced a motorist to stop and tried to steal his vehicle.

The incident happened in Cathole Bridge Road, a popular rat-run on the western fringe of Crewkerne.

A police spokesman said: "We are seeking any witnesses with information about an attempted robbery in Crewkerne.

"At around 3pm on Thursday of last week (June 28) a man was driving his car in Cathole Bridge Road when another car overtook and forced the driver to stop.

"Two men got out of what is believed to be a gold or mustard coloured Ford Focus and demanded the car keys from the victim.

"It is thought they were then disturbed by passing motorists and fled the scene.

"Officers investigating this incident would now like to speak to two men both aged in their late 20s.

"The first is described as white, around 6ft tall, of slight build and wearing a black hooded top and grey trousers.

"The second man is described as white, around 5ft 7inches tall and wearing a grey hooded top and dark trousers.

"Anyone who may be able to identify the men or the car, or who may have any other information that could help should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111."

Vote of thanks from Henyayes trustees

THE trustees of the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne have offered a vote of thanks to Waitrose and the people of Crewkerne for a donation of £209 from the supermarket's Community Matters scheme.

The sum was the centre's share of a £1,000 monthly payout that the store distributes to local good causes on the basis of a customer "ballot".

■ APOLOGIES for mistakenly reporting in June that the Henhayes Centre received £600 which, in fact, went to the Yeovil Freewheelers group.

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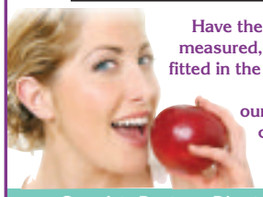

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Retired vet competes on Spanish television

By Alex Alexander

RETIRED vet and best-selling author Malcolm Welshman was grooming his best friend this week in preparation for a special trip to Spain.

Malcolm, accompanied by his wife Maxeen, are to star on a National Geographic TV show alongside their stray pet pooch, Arthur-Rex, a terrier/chihuahua cross, which they rescued from a beach in Tobago six years ago.

Over in Spain, the trio will be assessed by "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan and are in with a chance of winning a companion puppy for Arthur-Rex.

Malcolm said: "I happened to see something online about Cesar Millan's new TV show, called "Leader of the Pack".

"He's looking for couples from the UK, Holland or Italy, who will be able to compete for the chance to adopt a puppy.

"Our dog skills will be put to the test by Cesar who will assess our canine compatibility before choosing the puppy's best match."

The entire process will be filmed for National Geographic Wild and shown on TV next spring.

Malcolm added that he and Maxeen were particularly interested in taking part because they wanted a new companion for Arthur-Rex.

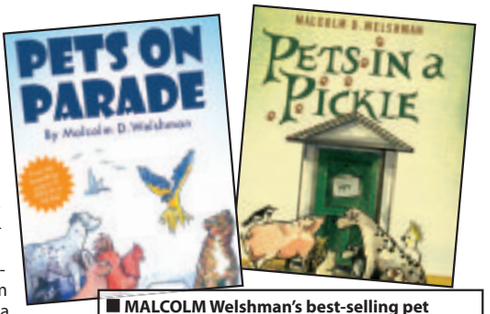
The couple also had a Jack Russell that died recently, leaving a hole in Arthur-Rex's life.

Malcolm, who was a vet for 40 years, started a second career as an author six years ago when he and Maxeen retired from Sussex to Roundham, near Crewkerne.

He has so far written two best-sellers, "Pets in a Pickle", which reached number two on the Kindle bestseller list, and its sequel, "Pets on Parade".

Both are available online from Amazon and a third book is now in the pipeline.

■ A MAN'S BEST FRIEND: Retired vet Malcolm Welshman and his dog Arthur-Rex are travelling to Spain to compete for a new canine friend



■ MALCOLM Welshman's best-selling pet books, 'Pets on Parade' and 'Pets in a Pickle' are now available

Country's top organist come to St Bartholomew's for special concert

ONE of the UK's best organists will be performing at a special concert in St Bartholomew's Parish Church next weekend.

And tickets are likely to disappear fast.

Philip Scriven will be giving an organ recital with proceedings from the concert being earmarked for repairs of the church roof.

And he will be playing some of the best-known and best-loved works for the organ.

Church spokesman John Clotworthy said: "The Friends of Crewkerne Parish Church have been fortunate enough to arrange for Philip Scriven to give an organ recital at St Bartholomew's on Saturday, 14 July, starting at 7.30pm."

■ TOP UK organist Philip Scriven

The first half will include Bach's "Toccata and Fugue in F Major", Herbert Howells' "Master Tallis' Testament", Sir William Walton's Coronation March "Crown Imperial", and "Coronation Reflections" by local composer Brian Daniels.

After the interval, Philip will play "Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition".

Mr Clotworthy added: "Philip has had a distinguished career and was the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Lichfield Cathedral from 2002 to 2010, before taking up his present post as Organist in Residence at Cranleigh School.

"As well as appearing on recordings with the choirs of St John's College, Cambridge, and Winchester Cathedral, he has recorded three CDs with the Lichfield Cathedral Choir and five solo CDs.

"He has worked with the London Bach Choir and the City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus, and regularly plays continuo with ensembles such as Florilegium, Ex Cathedra and the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

"This promises to be a very special evening of high quality entertainment. Not to be missed!"

There will be a bar during the interval.

Tickets, priced at £12, are available from Crewkerne Town Hall or on the door.

Talk on railway history

THE 7.30pm from Crewkerne to Martock via South Petherton will not be running next week - and local history buffs can find out why during an illustrated talk about Somerset's railway that never was.

"The Crewkerne, South Petherton and Martock Light Railway – A Forgotten Dream" is the title of the next talk by Crewkerne Civic Society.

The talk on what might have been will be given by retired town planner Martin Pakes and will be held in the Henhayes Centre, Crewkerne on Wednesday, July 11th.

Mr Pakes said: "In October 1908, The Light Railway Commissioners granted permission to a group of local industrialist and landowners to construct a standard gauge railway from Crewkerne to Martock.

"Amid hopes that the railway would restore the fortunes of the district, detailed surveys and route plans were prepared and a company set up.

"However, the initial enthusiasm evaporated and insufficient company shares were taken up to justify proceeding and the scheme was abandoned..."

The talk starts at 7.30pm and is free to members of Crewkerne Civic Society, and £2 for non-members. Everyone is welcome and booking is not necessary.

All clean for summer!

■ **THEY say there's brass where there's muck, but not in Falkland Square, Crewkerne, last Sunday morning. Drains specialist Richard Wadham, of S&D Services, didn't find any lost treasure but he did dig out a whole heap of conduit-clogging gunk. The Square is now prepared for whatever summer squalls the weather throws at it.**

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Over 100 take part in junior triathlon

By Alex Alexander

PROUD parents and young athletes had a great time during the annual Crewkerne Junior Triathlon competition at Henhayes field on Sunday.

The popular event, which has been held since the start of the new Millennium, attracted 118 young athletes in four age groups.

And more than half of the entrants came from well beyond Crewkerne and South Somerset, with some youngsters travelling from as far afield as Cornwall to take part.

The athletes had to compete in three back-to-back events: first a swim; then a bike ride; and last, a run.

Those aged eight had to swim one length of the Aqua Centre pool (25m); ride 600m, and run 300m.

Those aged nine and ten had to swim 50m, ride 1,200m, and run 600m.

Competitors aged 11 and 12 had to swim 100m, cycle 1,800m, and run 900m.

And young athletes aged 13 and 14 had to swim 200m, ride, 2,400m, and run 1,200m.

Event director Eileen Mills praised the commitment of the young people and thanked the dozens of volunteers and sponsors who helped make the day a success.

Those who helped organise the triathlon included volunteers from the Wessex Wizards Triathlon Club, Crewkerne Town Council, the Rotary Club of Crewkerne, Crewkerne Aqua Centre, Crewkerne Running Club, Prelude Sports and Print, Vision Express, and The Menders of Crewkerne, who donated all the competitors' trophies.

Mrs Mills urged local athletes to get their applications in early next year.

She said: "Until about a week ago, we had more entrants from outside the area than locally.

"The locals all left it to the last minute and some were disappointed.

"We had to turn down 15. They'll have to get in earlier!"

■ ALMOST THERE! One youngster in the final part of the triathlon. Pictured below right, event director Eileen Mills prepares the prizes. Pictured elsewhere, children in the triathlon

A break in the weather for street fair

By Marion Draper

THE thought on everybody's mind last Saturday had to have been a thank you for a break in the weather, with so many outdoor events happening over the weekend.

None more so than the committee of the Winsham Street Fair who welcomed the blazing sunshine on Saturday afternoon for their bi-annual event.

The day had a Best of British theme this time, in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and included their own version of the flotilla, with one boat on the back of a tractor trailer leading the fancy dress parade in the afternoon.

The gusty wind did cause a problem to some of the stallholders, one gazebo completely collapsed but in true British style, the Winsham Horticultural Society packed it up, moved across the street and kept calm and carried on without it. The ladies were resplendent in their hats, including the only rain cloud of the day, advertising their Mad Hatters Tea Party to be held on July 15th.

The only real interruption to proceedings was when the Nippy Bus had to come through on its unusual route.

Kelly Druce and her dancers from the Kelly Leigh Dance School were once again the main attraction with the junior and senior members of the group dancing in the street to some wartime tunes during the afternoon.

There was red, white and blue everywhere and a fantastic atmosphere with stalls lining the main street and the way down to the recreation ground, where there were further attractions and games to play, along with a hog roast.

The parade came at 2.30pm, led by Kelly and her dancers, and started at the bottom of the village, going right up through to the War Memorial and turned to come back down then going all the way to the field.

Resourceful to the last, someone appeared armed with a very long pole to allow the mast of the boat to go under the bunting. There was no fancy dress competition this year, just the relaxed atmosphere of being in the parade which was a great spectacle, filling the street as it passed.

Down on the field, there were static vehicle displays, including the former Charmouth fire engine, dated 1957 and now belonging to Colin and Jackie Gillard from south Chard who stable it in Winsham.

At seven miles to the gallon, the couple said it was fun to drive but it didn't travel much anymore and had only done 11,000 in its lifetime.

They took it back to Charmouth in 2005 and the station wanted it back, as its smaller build was more suited to the narrow streets than the modern appliances.

There was a Punch and Judy show and skittles, and a wobbly bike challenge among other sideshows.

Everything went very smoothly and it was a great day thanks to a hard-working committee, the next Winsham Street Fair will be in 2014.

■ CARRYING ON: Liz Earl, Mary Burgess, Judith Robinson and Edith Chubb after they lost their awning

■ WE ON THE COMMITTEE: Wayne Dowell, Roger Beer, Caroline Sweetland and Colin Slade are pictured left

■ BEST OF BRITISH: Jelly Leigh juniors at Winsham Street Fair, right

■ CHARITY DRIVER: Ian Ottley and his Mini fundraises money for CHSW and Help for Heroes, below right

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Legal negotiations start on regeneration plans

By Marion Draper

THE CHARD Regeneration partnership is working with Henry Boot Ltd to finalise a legal development agreement which will help to identify the most appropriate 'end user' to kick-start town centre development.

According to South Somerset District Council (SSDC) regeneration officer Zoe Harris, all indications are that there are a number of major operators vying for this attractive opportunity.

Henry Boot Ltd was appointed as development partner for the regeneration of the former ACI/Boden Mill site after its preferred scheme from public consultation was approved by SSDC's district executive in February this year.

Since then, SSDC, in partnership with the Home and Communities Agency, Somerset county and town council have agreed heads of terms with Henry Boot Ltd – successfully fulfilling the first of many milestones required for development to take place.

The respective teams are now putting together a development agreement to clarify exactly what is to be achieved onsite to secure additional retail, public space, increased footfall and strong links to Boden Street and existing retail and attractions in the heart of the town.

Shaped by local residents and businesses, The Chard Regeneration Plan shared the aim to draw shoppers and trade back into the town's centre, retaining these customers and provide more of a destination shopping experience for visitors from further afield.

At a recent meeting, an agent working with Henry Boot Ltd has indicated strong competition from major retail operators to become the agreed 'anchor' store for the scheme, essentially making viable the wider regeneration and town centre improvement included in the overall scheme.

In addition to the 45,000 sq ft food store, these improvements include substantial physical redevelopment of the Boden Mill site with additional retail units, residential, a town square, undercroft parking for nearly 300 cars and refurbishment of Boden Mill for a variety of uses including retail, commercial and residential.

Councillr Jo Roundell Greene, chair of the Chard Regeneration Scheme Board said; "It's no surprise to us that Chard town centre presents such an attractive opportunity to larger retail providers ñ the Chard Vision highlights the towns potential.

"The key has been to ensure their interests are aligned with those of existing retailers and residents.

"We need to make sure quality public realm is delivered and that the additional footfall generated is dispersed throughout the town centreís existing retail core.

"The town's traders, who form part of our town team, accept this pedestrian connectivity with the existing centre is a major strength of the proposed scheme."

Walk raises £1,600 cash

FOLLOWING a successful sponsored walk on May 7th, Chard resident John Sweet has been able to make substantial donations totalling £1,600 to both the Beacon Centre at Musgrove Park Hospital and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Each has received cheques to the sum of £800.

Mr Sweet would like to thank all who supported the event.

Flash of pink as 'middle-aged' men begin charity bike ride

■ **TEAM MAMIL : Chris Brown, Hakan Karisso, Paul Searle and Simon Miller passing through Winsham Street Fair**

A FLASH of pink among the red, white and blue of the Winsham Street Fair celebrations on Saturday, June 30th, drew the eye to four intrepid cyclists who were on their first day of a charity ride.

North Devonites Chris Brown, Hakan Karisson, Paul Searle and Simon Miller known jointly as Team MAMIL (Middle Aged Men In Lycra) were heading from Barnstaple to Poole on the first leg of their 345 mile ride to Paris to raise money for the North Devon Hospice and Children's Hospice South West.

This was their third epic fundraiser since forming in 2011, having already done Coast to Coast and the Two Moors challenge, they said they wanted to do something different and chose the trip from the square in Barnstaple to the Eiffel Tower over three days, their aim to raise £5,000 for each of the two hospices.

The guys in pink were delighted to enter the Somerset village on such a lovely day with the pennants across the street and such a party atmosphere, having already tackled some major hills en route and two punctures before Tiverton.

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Exotic rain forest creatures drop into school

■ ONLY A BABY: Ruth Smith introduces the African land snail

■ BEST OF ALL: Children wanted to hold the Corn Snake

SHEPTON Beauchamp Primary School played host to some exotic visitors last week when Ruth Smith, from Zoologica, took some creatures of the rainforest to meet children from the preschool and reception year.

It was a valuable lesson for the children, who were allowed to touch and even hold most of the species, giving them confidence and allaying fears. It was also a subtle lesson on the importance of the rainforest to the world in general.

They met a giant snail, a millipede, stick insect, tree frog, spider and corn snake, which all live at different levels of the forests.

The children had a great time pretending to be like some of the creatures, standing very still like a stick insect and tasting the air with their tongues like a snake. They learned how snail slime is used in medicines, face creams and even computers to help them run better and how the hair from the tarantula is used for heart medicine.

The children were all very captivated but the definite favourite was Alice the Corn Snake, who was quite harmless and very pretty.

■ COUNTING LEGS: Children learn how Daisy the millipede walks with her 250 feet

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Bank fundraiser

■ PLAYING SOLDIER: Ann French, Heather Lowe and Alex Beer at Barclays Ilminster

BARCLAYS bank staff in Ilminster dressed up on Friday to mark the end of their week long fundraiser in aid of ABF The Soldier's Charity to mark Armed Forces Day on June 30th.

This was part of a branch wide initiative as part of the link between ABF and Barclays Armed Forces Community Investment Project since the beginning of 2011.

The aim of the charity is to significantly change the future employment prospects of wounded, injured and sick soldiers leaving the Army.

The Ilminster branch raised a total of £226.27 during the week, from donations in exchange for coffee and cakes given by Rosemary Wild of the Colyton Take-Away and a raffle. This amount will be doubled by Barclays and the Ilminster branch would like to thank every one of their customers for their generosity.

Staff member Ann French said it had been lovely to come out from behind the counter and spend some time chatting and getting to know the people she sees on a regular basis.

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Folk returns to South Petherton

By Marion Draper

A RELAXED and joyful atmosphere descended on the village of South Petherton for the return of the folk festival after an absence of 15 years.

Petherton Folk Fest went very well and although attendance could have been greater at some points in the day, there was a steady flow of people coming and going throughout the event.

Morris dancers and musicians alike were pleased to part of the revival and the last dance of the day involved everyone that could join in.

The centre of the village was closed to traffic with a stage on the back of a local potato lorry in the square. Craft stalls all around and refreshments provided by the surrounding shops and the Brewers Arms meant that it was a really local event.

Stanchester Quire had a good audience inside the church. There were also activities for the children to join in at the Methodist Church and the whole day seemed to flow into different phases.

Committee chairman Pete Wheeler said: "There is no doubt that the Petherton Folk Fest was viewed by all as a great success. There is a lot of enthusiasm to make this an annual event and I am confident that we can build on what was achieved without changing the basic principle that was paramount to us in that it was a festival run for the benefit of the people of the village and wherever possible by the people of the village.

■ THE JOY OF FOLKLORE: Roger Comley Fool to the Squire of England

"Without the great support of the local people and various organisations including South Somerset District Council, the parish council, the churches, the Blake Hall, the David Hall and the Brewers Arms this would not have been possible.

"A massive thank you to all the members of the committee and all the other volunteers and the large number of performers who gave their time without charge and the stallholders. I thank you all. Finally a big thank you to all who attended and convinced us all that this event has a very 'rosy' future."

■ OLD TRADITION: Peter the Green Man gives Dan Burt his piece of fertility cake

■ LAST DANCE: The audience join in the Morris

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A YEAR since she became her own boss, Sue Scott is still enjoying every day as the owner of her own dress agency in Ilminster - Bellissimo.

Having always been a working woman, it was the next step for her after being in recruitment in London, then a spell with Estee Lauder and in more recent years, a fundraiser for St Margaret's Hospice and Yeovil Women's hospital.

With a lifelong love of women's fashion and meeting people, Sue enjoys her own brand of up-cycling - accepting quality used designer labels and branded high street fashions which are new or nearly new from the public - and selling them on with half going back to the owner.

Anything not sold after a month, goes back to the owner or is donated to St Margaret's Hospice.

● WHAT do you enjoy most about the shop?
Being my own boss and being able to choose what comes in, which constantly changes. I love to help people with an outfit, especially when they don't quite know what they want and then come out of the changing room looking lovely.

I have such a wide range of styles which suit the younger look to the more mature and they can go home with a whole look and really gain confidence.

I love the shop and always get excited coming in and I love the surprise on their faces when people realise the prices are so low.

● WHAT fashion do you personally enjoy most?
I love shoes and pretty dresses, and sometimes it is hard not to buy too much of the stock myself. My husband keeps telling me not to bring any-more home but if I have had a good week, I do reward myself.

● WHAT would you have to have on your desert island?
Definitely my lipstick, I take it everywhere. For me putting on make-up is therapy and preparation for the day. I would have to have music, I like a variety but music from the 80s and some relaxing classical. I love reading so some good books to pass the time, good fiction, something to capture the imagination

● WHAT is your favourite historical period?
I love the style of the twenties and thirties, I adore that whole era. My favourite National Trust property is Coleton Fishacre, home of the D'Oyly Carte family. If I was a millionaire that would be the house to own.

● HAVE you always had an interest in fashion?
Yes, I have always loved clothes, makeup and perfume. I like strong perfume because my skin is quite oily and particularly Jo Malone, lime basil and mint . She started as an independent and was taken over by Estee Lauder who I used to work for.

● HAS there been any one person who has inspired you?
I have met so many people in various positions but when I went to work for the hospice, Leo Hayward was a great example to follow because of his charisma and openness. Despite his high position, he would turn out for anything no matter how small, he had no side, was honest and open, those are the people I warm to.

I am always honest with my customers, I like to help their confidence and find something they look good in. If they don't I tell them, it's not just about making a sale, I want people to come back and I always welcome them.

● YOU are always so well turned out, does the makeup ever come off?
Oh yes, at the end of the day, it all comes off and the track-suit goes on and I pour a nice glass of wine. I love to cook and we used to entertain a lot but I don't have the time for the preparation now.

● IF you won a pot of money would you carry on working?
Yes I would carry on doing some sort of work, I am driven by work and have to be doing something but I would buy a big house by the sea and keep enough money to be comfortable and share the rest out.

I would stay in England, although I love the sun, I love the south west and can't imagine living anywhere else.

● DO you have any hobbies?
We love walking and go to the Isles of Scilly every year, it is so beautiful there. I also love reading and eating out. I love nice food and wine, particularly French and Italian food.

● WHAT would you say was the most important part of running a shop?
It is so important to have a warm welcome, no matter how you are feeling and offer help when it's needed. Some people don't want help and you have to gauge it but usually I can see when someone is unsure, often they lack confidence and need your input.

I get a lot of women who need an outfit for a wedding and don't know where to start.

● ANY pearls of wisdom?
I have had a varied career and always followed my instincts and I am happy doing this but I think you should never stop having goals and ambitions in life. You never know what may come along.

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For nearly two hours a large crowd of family and friends watched the young people from the Crewkerne and Ilminster area, marking their rite of passage through the school system and admired them with pride in this the 40th year of the school.

Arrivals came singly, in pairs and larger groups, all immaculate in their dresses and suits.

This year's vehicles ranged from tractors to the Ariel Atom, vintage cars to an ice cream van with girls in their posh frocks handing out Mr Whirlys , a monster truck and one that caught everyoneís eye, a trailer carrying two girls packed in Barbie boxes,courtesy of a very creative mother.

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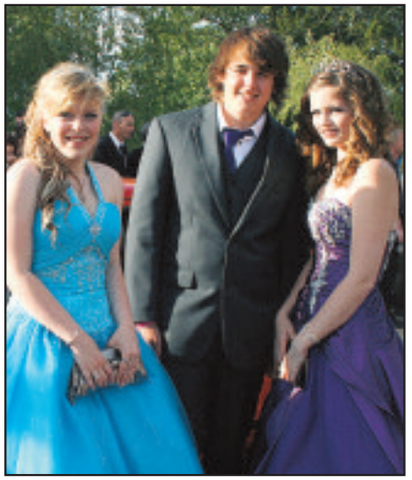

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Carrivick Sisters to play at The David Hall

STOMPIN' Dave brings another great concert to The David Hall, South Petherton on Friday 6th July. This time it's the turn of one of the UK's top young bluegrass and folk acts The Carrivick Sisters. Despite there youth twins Laura and Charlotte are very experienced performers having played all over the UK, in Europe, and in Canada. Finalists in the prestigious BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards 2010 the Carrivick Sisters were named band/duo of the Year in the 2011 FATEA Awards. Most recently Charlotte won first place in both old-time banjo and fiddle at FOAOTMAD's festival Gainsborough 2012. "A superbly talented pair o' lasses" - Mike Harding, BBC Radio 2. Also appearing is local favourite Stompin' Dave Allen who has been very active the past ten years working across the South of the UK and beyond. Described as "One of the world's greatest performers" by Maverick Magazine, Dave was winner of the FOAOTMAD old-time banjo contest 2011. Dave has previously had very successful evenings in The David Hall with his Sublime Folk Concert featuring Maurice Dickson from Northern Ireland last summer and with his Winter Blues Concert with Michael Roach. Expect banjo, fiddle, guitar and Dave's trademark flatfoot dancing. Advance tickets are £10 call 01460 240340 or visit www.thedavidhall.org.uk

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Local author Michael Strong first met Sid Capon when they helped to set up the Merville Battery Museum in Normandy in June 1984. Michael and Sid remained friends, meeting in June every year until he died in 2006. Sid gave Michael these memoirs for inclusion in a book about the Merville Battery but in 2012 Michael decided they merited a small book of their own.

Signed copies of Sid's War will be available from Michael Strong at £5, with £1 going to The Afghanistan Trust – a registered charity that exists to help support soldiers who served with The Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan, who have been wounded or killed as a consequence, and their families.

A meet the author session will take place on Saturday, July 14th at Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House, where Michael Strong will do a book signing for 'Sid's War'. From 10.15am - 2.15pm. For more details visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk, or call 01460 55783.

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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

by Sara Loveridge

THANKS to support from South Somerset District Council, Ilminster Arts Centre is delighted to be able to offer a range of exciting **Summer Play Days** for children. This month we have **Learn to Face Paint** on 30th, while in August we have **Shade-y Shadow Puppets** on 2nd, **3D Collage Initials** on 9th, **Children's Rag Rugs** on 10th, Pot Doodles on 14th, and **Cartoon Drawing** with professional Illustrator James Cottell on 20th and 21st. These activities are expected to be popular so early booking is advised.

Grown-ups will enjoy our selection of workshops taking place throughout July that include **Knit Tog**, **Crochet Too** on 11th and 25th, **Crazy Patchwork** on 13th, **Readers' Group** on 20th, **Rag Rugs** on 25th, and **Hessian and Wire Animals** on 26th.

Enter the galleries and take a journey around some of the most beautiful scenery in the South West with **Abstract and Landscapes**. Photographer Alan Jacobs has captured the individuality and atmosphere of his favourite locations in the region for this special exhibition which runs until 21st July.

Enjoy free afternoon tea and cakes in the galleries on 22nd (3-5pm) as we celebrate the launch of a new exhibition by two artists exhibiting together for the first time. **Double Vision** showcases vibrant still-life's by Barbara Whiteley and colourful geometric paintings by Felicity Brichieri-Colombi. Visitors to the preview can meet the artists and find out more about their work. The exhibition continues until 18th August (all exhibitions finish at 12pm on the last day).

Classical music fans will delight in two concerts taking place at either end of the month. Concerts in the West present a programme of Sonata's by Beethoven, Mozart, and Franck, performed by **Sebastian Müller** (violin), and **Nico de Villiers** (piano) on 6th. We then welcome back **Maiastra** on 28th with a programme that includes Clarinet Quintets by Brahms and Francaix.

Mike Denham puts in a solo appearance to pay tribute to the music of George Gershwin and Cole Porter on 20th, so expect a great evening of entertainment from one of the arts centre's most popular performers.

◆ Mike Denham

Bring friends, browse and buy at our **Local Craft and Produce Market** on 7th and **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 21st. All our events take place indoors so if the weather is terrible then there really is no better place to be!

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Ferne Animal Sanctuary Charity Shop celebrates 1st birthday

FERNE Animal Sanctuary charity shop celebrated its first birthday on June 18th. Freddy Ferne was on hand to offer balloons and birthday cake to shoppers. Nanette Wale, Chairman of Ferne's Trustees said that many thanks must go to Kevin Douglas, Fundraising and Marketing Manager at Ferne for all his hard work in setting up the first Ferne shop. She was pleased to announce that following the enormous success in Chard, a further two shops will be opening shortly in Taunton and Bridport.

Kevin said "none of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Sue Mountstevens, the shop manager, and all the staff and volunteers and I would like to thank them all."

Anybody wishing to donate stock to the shop can do so by dropping it off at the shop or calling the Sanctuary on 01460 65214 to arrange for collection.

▲ **CHARITY shop manager Sue Mountstevens, Katie Mason, three and Olivia Mason, two with Freddy Ferne, Jenny Wheadon, director and Kim Ballington, fundraising and marketing assistant.**

Herman's Hermits still going strong nearly fifty years on

Legendary band come to Taunton's Brewhouse Theatre

FROM their beginning in Manchester on April 1st 1964, Herman's Hermits have chalked up over 23 top twenty single records, 10 hit albums, 3 major movies and countless television shows and concert tours all over the world, up to date they have total record sales of over 75 million.

Since 1971 and the departure of Peter Noone to pursue a solo career, the group has never stopped. Original member, Barry (The Bean) Whitwam, has guided the group from strength to strength into one of the hardest working bands in the business. They still average more than 200 shows per year and reckon they maintain their stamina by having an amazing sense of humour.

Their touring schedule takes them to Germany, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, the Scandinavian countries, Japan, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand on a regular basis and still find time to perform in their home country the United Kingdom, packing in the audiences at every venue and delighting them with their solid musicianship, vocal ability and dynamic stage presence. The 'Golden Oldies' still make up a large part of their show – much to the enjoyment of their fans, who cannot resist singing along to Mrs Brown You've Got A Lovely Daughter, Silhouettes, Dandy, Can't You Hear My Heart Beat, There's A Kind Of Hush, No Milk Today, Something Is Happening, Sunshine Girl, Henry VIII, and many more too numerous to mention.

Herman's Hermits play at Taunton's Brewhouse Theatre on Thursday, July 12th from 7.45pm. Tickets cost £18.50 (full), £17.50 (60+) and £16.50 (concs.) and can be booked online at www.thebrew house.net or call the box office on 01823 283244.

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BIG BOY BLOATER IN BRIDPORT

IF THE less than summery weather has been getting you down come then get along to the Electric Palace on Friday, July 20th where Big Boy Bloater will bring you brand new sounds from his own songbook, a stunning mix of swamp soul, dark blues and twang.

Last year saw the acclaimed guitarist, singer and songwriter Big Boy Bloater launch his solo career with an album full of catchy and clever self-penned material and some impressive showcase gigs as well as guesting on Jools Holland's BBC Radio 2 show, and now this is your chance to see him, live and in full voice.

Fronting his own bands from a young age Bloater quickly became a stalwart of the retro R&B and Blues scenes bringing him to the attention of many, including Mark Lamarr who put his own money behind a limited-edition vinyl release of one of Bloater's tracks in 2008 (giving away 100 copies on the 100th edition of his award winning BBC Radio 2 show 'Shake Rattle and Roll').

Being a consummate professional, delivering hard-hitting vocals, having enviable guitar skills and the ability to write very catchy songs with clever lyrics as well as the talent to mesmerise an audience are what has brought Big Boy Bloater to where he is today. But he wants to take it further. "I'm old enough and ugly enough to know my trade well, I love what I do and I hope that shows on stage. I am very excited to have the chance now to break through and show the world what I can really do"

The album 'Big Boy Bloater and the Limits' released in March 2011, features special guest appearances from Imelda May and jazz-funk legend Snowboy and has attracted much critical acclaim. The self-penned numbers show not only great musicianship but a maturity in style. With fans like Jools Holland, Imelda May and Mark Lamarr already singing his praises you know that Big Boy Bloater's star is on the ascent.

Big Boy Bloater

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With her powerful live performances she has become a hit on the festival scene, making appearances at Glastonbury, Port Eliot, and the Isle of Wight International Jazz Festival, as well as top London venues such as Pizza on the Park.

Louise received a warm reception at the arts centre when she performed there 2 years ago, and for this concert she will be singing songs made famous by Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan and others as well as some of her own favourites, including a selection of blues standards and gospel numbers. She will be joined by The Craig Milverton Trio, with whom she has played over the past 6 years, and has just recorded a live album.

Louise Parker will be in concert at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, August 3rd from 8pm. Tickets cost £12 and a pre-show supper is available from 7pm for £9.50.

For more details or to book visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk, email info@themeetinghouse.org.uk, or call 01460 55783 (info) or 54973 (box office).

Opera Barcarola

A GROUP of young and vibrant Academy-trained graduates from London, *Opera Barcarola*, will give a concert at Martock Church on Saturday, July 21st.

The concert will feature a spectacular programme of Neapolitan songs, popular arias and hits from musicals, with piano accompaniment and solos.

Opera Barcarola comprises rising stars of the concert world: Natasha Day (soprano); Georgina Murray (mezzo): Nicholas Scott (tenor) and Lachezar Stankov (piano). They have well-established individual careers but come together on a regular basis with a well-polished and entertaining musical feast. They will sing pieces by Bernstein; Bizet; Delibes; Donizetti; Dvorak; Gershwin; Gilbert & Sullivan; Humperdinck, Offenbach; Rogers & Hammerstein; Rossini; Johann Strauss and Verdi, as well as two Neapolitan songs and two piano solos. Their "Three little maids from school" has brought the house down at recent concerts.

Natasha, born in 1986 sang from a young age in Edinburgh Castle & Usher Hall, Stirling Castle and Dundee Caird Hall. After graduating from the RCM she sang before the Queen at the 2007 Royal Variety Concert and at Clarence House for the Prince of Wales and to 80,000 people in Twickenham Stadium before embarking on an operatic career taking her to eight countries.

Georgina has had leading roles for several opera companies all over Britain & Europe.

Nicholas won a major scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music where he won three top prizes and had a busy career on the concert platform. Since then he has sung numerous roles in Ripon & Canterbury Cathedrals, St Martins-in-the-Fields & at an international music festival in Malta.

Lachezar trained in Bulgaria but now lives in London and is building an enviable reputation as a concert pianist.

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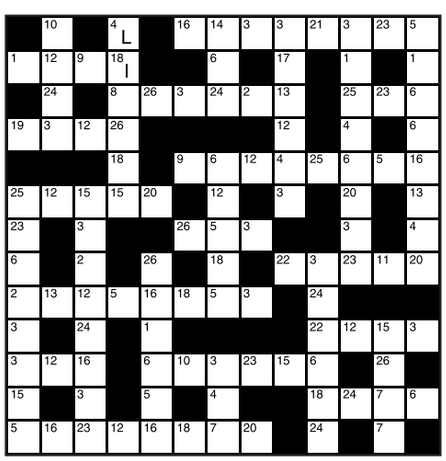
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. French study involving notes (5)
8. A dramatic attempt to include the elderly (7)
9. Life will have intriguing possibilities for him (7)
10. I had been in front but became lazy (5)
12. It's not bound to be played! (5,5)
15. What you face in the teeth of a gale? (6,4)
18. Change of heart for one mother (5)
19. It's a strain becoming a skilled craftsman (7)
21. Short rhyme upheld in Colet (7)
22. Yet it might be some quite pedestrian clause (5)

Down

1. Concerning a boy competent and sensible (10)
2. Is it one's duty to hug, perhaps? (5)
3. Some light or heavy timber (4)
4. Lack bite? (6)
5. A charming thing to wear! (8)
6. Understand that lies are wrong (7)
11. One will have words on referring to it (10)
13. For a climber in love? (8)
14. A bone from Munster (7)
16. Riches gained by breaking the law (6)
17. Dramatic confidence (5)
20. Changed rate of weight allowance (4)

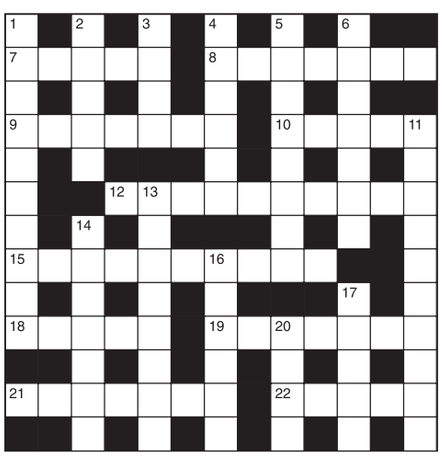
Quick Clues:

Across

7. Drone (5)
8. Curative treatment (7)
9. Frequenter (7)
10. Kingdom (5)
12. Ownership (10)
15. Diligently (10)
18. Leaven (5)
19. Hold spellbound (7)
21. Surround (7)
22. Power (5)

Down

1. Deceitfulness (10)
2. Orb (5)
3. Worry (4)
4. Accent (6)
5. Retaliation (8)
6. Diabolical (7)
11. Handle (10)
13. A sacrifice (8)
14. Progress (7)
16. Rough (6)
17. Sediment (5)
20. Subdue (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Renegades; 8 Rio; 9 Leave it to me; 11 Titanic; 12 Lasso; 13 Morose; 15 Adopts; 17 Tithe; 18 Curries; 20 Oil and water; 22 Ann; 23 Destroyer. Down: 2 Ewe; 3 Green; 4 Detach; 5 Spoiled; 6 Greasepaint; 7 Tortoises; 10 Alterations; 11 Time to pay; 14 Shelled; 16 Scenes; 19 Rower; 21 Ere. QUICK - Across: 1 Consensus; 8 Ago; 9 Underground; 11 Sapient; 12 Erato; 13 Sphere; 15 Ledger; 17 Ashen; 18 Salvage; 20 Reading desk; 22 Egg; 23 Kiel Canal. Down: 2 Own; 3 Eerie; 4 Sprite; 5 Squeeze; 6 Bad language; 7 Concourse; 10 Depth charge; 11 Sustained; 14 Ransack; 16 Aspire; 19 Logic; 21 Spa.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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		3		8		9		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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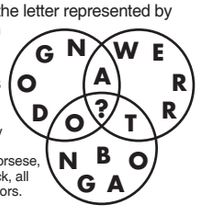
2	7	6	4	1	3	9	5	8
6	9	3	8	7	1	2	4	5
8	5	2	6	4	9	1	3	7
1	4	7	3	5	2	6	8	9

Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is C. Scorsese, Pollack, Kubrick, all U.S. film directors.

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FRIDAY JULY 6TH

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CREWKERNE: Ashlands School, 6-8pm. Everyone welcome, barbeque, bar, raffle, prize draw, tombola, inflatable activity run, face painting, lucky dip, name the teddy, hook a duck and lots more...

CREWKERNE: "Great Blooming Tea Party" in aid of Maire Curie Cancer Care. The Henhayes Community Centre, from 2pm to 4pm.

SATURDAY JULY 7TH

CHARD: Popular Fayre at the Guildhall. Various stalls including records, crafts and craft making. Refreshments available. Doors open from 9-12.30pm

CHARD: A Councillors's Surgery at the Guildhall from 10am until 11am.

ILMINSTER: James Bond themed Summer Ball at the Shrubbery Hotel from 7.30pm-1am. Includes a 3 course meal and coffee with music during the meal, also a grand auction, raffle, and music from party band Breathless. Tickets are £35, or £30 if booking a table o 10 or more. In aid of St Bartholomew's 1st School. For more details or to book call 01460 73978, 07729 827 829 or 07788 604966.

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CHARDSTOCK: Chardstock Street Fayre presents Masquerade Ball at Chardstock Village Hall from 7.30pm-late. Dress code: Masquerade/Smart Dress. Bar available. Tickets £12.50 include food by Portlock's Pantry. Live music from 'Bus Stop Cafe'. Tickets available from Chardstock Stores or call 01460 261141.

SATURDAY JULY 7TH - TUESDAY JULY 10TH

CHARD: Chard Baptist Church Flower Festival with an Olympic Theme. The floral displays will be arranged by the Tatworth & District Floral group and each display will represent an Olympic sport. The opening times will be 9.30am – 12.30 pm and 2.00 – 5.00 pm on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and from 2.00 – 4.30 pm on Sunday. Why not come along and see whether your favourite sport is represented. Donations made at the Festival will be shared between Project Romania and The Philippine Community Fund. If you require any further information, please call 01460 65523

SUNDAY JULY 8TH

DONYATT: Continental Village Breakfast at Donyatt Village Hall from 9am-11am. Price £4.50 to include fruit, yoghurt, rolls, croissants, cheese, cold meats, jam, coffee and tea. Organised for Hall Improvement Fund.

TUESDAY JULY 10TH

CHARD: MAKE & MUNCH with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. For parents and carers with their pre-school age children (0-4). 10.15am-12.45pm. No need to book, just come along and it's FREE. Held at the Chard Young People's Centre, Essex Close. Telephone Sue: 01297 631782 for more info.

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time? If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be and this Tuesday Rose Silk will be playing the piano.

Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY JULY 11TH

CREWKERNE: Join us at The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for a fun afternoon of Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Civic Society. "The Crewkerne, South Petherton and Martock Light Railway - A Forgotten Dream." An illustrated talk by Martin Pakes. 7.30pm at the Henhayes Centre. All welcome. Non-members £2.

THURSDAY JULY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50 and want to enjoy keeping fit? Come to The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for Over 50's Keep Fit from 10am to 11am. £3 session (members £2).

CREWKERNE: Bingo at The Henhayes Centre. 'Eyes Down' at 7.30pm

FRIDAY JULY 13TH

MISTERTON: Friends of Misterton School Annual Fete held at the Misterton Church of England First School from 5-7pm. Lots of fun activities for the children, bouncy castle, treasure hunt, tin can alley, mini commando course, glitter tattoos, nail & face painting, Ice creams, BBQ, refreshments, tombola, grand prize draw & lots, lots more!!! Interested stallholders please call Sarah on 07840 413219

CLAPTON & WAYFORD: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Luncheon club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057)

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne... 9am –11.30am. All fresh local produce. Vegetables, cakes, bread, flowers and much more.

CHARD: Life Line Screening available at the Guildhall from 9am until 5pm. Call 0800 107 9094 and quote priority code UCPP003

SATURDAY JULY 14TH

COMBE ST NICHOLAS: 'Smile for MND' Family Fun with Live Music, at Combe St Nicholas Football Club. Terrier racing, Tug of war competition, Vintage vehicles, Craft tent, Prize draw, Puppet Making & Face Painting, Bouncy castle, Cream teas & Ice creams, Bar & hot food. From 12noon.

ILMINSTER: Harlequin Carnival Club Annual Fete at Greenfylde School from 2pm. Car boot sale, tombola, cake tent, skittles, bouncy castle, ice creams, children's and adult's races, children's colouring competition and lots more side stalls. For more details call 01460 52432 or 01460 54804.

SUNDAY JULY 15TH

DONYATT: Donyatt Duck Race and Family Fun Day. Admission free. Tea and cakes, icecreams, BBQ, Bar, Skittles, Games. Gates open 12.30pm. First race 1pm. Cash prizes. On the Banks of the River Isle opposite Donyatt Village Hall Park in Hall Car Park. Proceeds shared between Church, Village Hall, recreation Area, and the Social Club.

NORTH PERROTT: North Perrott Fete from 12-4pm. BBQ, Grand Raffle, Art Competition, Stalls, Dancers and many other attractions. Telephone 01460 72883 for more details.

BLACKDOWN: The Community's of Broadwindsor, Blackdown and Burstock are holding a Summer Fayre in the grounds of Blackdown House, Blackdown DT8 3LE (B3165 Crewkerne-Lyme Regis Road) Come along and enjoy the gardens of Blackdown House, Have a Cream Tea and listen to the Blackdown Hills Musical Group 'Steel the Show' various stalls,games for the children
including decorate a crown competition etc. 2PM-6PM. Contact Philip 01460 30661/30517.

MONDAY JULY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness July Meeting. Guest Speaker Peter John on the topic 'Spirit Guides'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm - 10pm. Admission £2.50 (includes light refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone 01460 78673.

TUESDAY JULY 17TH

CREWKERNE: Are you over 70 or do you know anyone over 70? Do you, or they like a laugh, eating with friends and generally having a good time? If so, Tuesday at The Henhayes Centre could be the place to be and this Tuesday Rose Silk will be playing the piano. Come to The Henhayes Centre at 10am for either a cup of tea and biscuits and stay until 2.30pm after enjoying a wholesome lunch. All this for £5.50 and transport can be arranged. Please ring 01460 74340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY JULY 18TH

CREWKERNE: Join us at The Henhayes Community Centre, Crewkerne for a fun afternoon of Bingo 2.30pm to 4pm. £4.20 for 6 books of 12 games. Cash prizes.

CHARD: "Memory Cafe" at The Guildhall Chard Are you caring for someone with memory loss or dementia? Then join us every alternate Wednesday morning for a friendly and informal gathering, for information, support and social contact for people affected by dementia. From 10:30am - 12:30pm. For further information please contact Becky Marsh, Social Events Co-ordinator 07803 115488 or the Yeovil office on 01935 473597

You can email your Diary Dates to rob@pemedia.co.uk

Deadline 12noon Wednesday. Unfortunately we cannot accept ongoing entries without a list of dates

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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN [12A]

LIKE most teenagers, Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) is trying to figure out who he is and how he got to be the person he is today. Peter is also finding his way with his first high school crush, Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone), and together, they struggle with love, commitment, and secrets. As Peter discovers a mysterious briefcase that belonged to his father, he begins a quest to understand his parents' disappearance - leading him directly to Oscorp and the lab of Dr Curt Connors (Rhys Ifans), his father's former partner. As Spider-Man is set on a collision course with Connors' alter-ego, The Lizard, Peter will make life-altering choices to use his powers and shape his destiny to become a hero.

Also stars Denis Leary, Martin Sheen and Sally Field.

GOD BLESS AMERICA [15]

LOVELESS, jobless, possibly terminally ill, Frank (Joel Murray) has had enough of the downward spiral of America. With nothing left to lose, Frank takes his gun and offs the stupidest, cruelest, and most repellent members of society. He finds an unusual accomplice: 16-year-old Roxy (Tara Lynne Barr), who shares his sense of rage and disenfranchisement.

Crime comedy also starring Mackenzie Brooke Smith, Rich McDonald and Melinda Page Hamilton.

THE HUNTER [15]

MARTIN David (Willem Dafoe), a mercenary, is sent from Europe by a mysterious biotech company to the Tasmanian wilderness on a hunt for the last Tasmanian tiger.

Adventure flick also starring Sam Neill, Frances O'-Connor and Sullivan Stapleton.

TOTAL RECALL [18] **:** ***Re-release 1990***

DOUGLAS Quaid (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is haunted by a recurring dream about a journey to Mars. He hopes to find out more about this dream and buys a holiday at Rekall Inc. where they sell implanted memories. But something goes wrong with the memory implantation and he remembers being a secret agent fighting against the evil Mars administrator Cohaagen (Ronny Cox). Now the story really begins and it's a rollercoaster ride until the massive end of the movie.

Also stars Rachel Ticotin, Sharon Stone and Michael Ironside.

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Ice Age: Continental Drift *in 3D* [U]
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Friends with Kids [15]
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Sat & Sun: 21.30, Wed & Thu: 18.50
Ice Age: Continental Drift *in 2D* [U]
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 11.50, 12.30, 14.00, 14.40, 16.20, 17.10, 18.50, 19.30
Prometheus *in 3D* [15]
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.30, 21.00
Prometheus *in 2D* [15]
Fri: 12.50, 18.10, Sat & Sun: 20.10, Mon-Thu: 12.50
Magic Mike [15]
Wed & Thu: 13.20, 16.00, 18.20, 20.45
Katy Perry: Part of Me *in 3D* [PG]
Daily: 13.40, 18.30, 20.50
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.20am
Katy Perry: Part of Me *in 2D* [PG]
Daily: 16.10
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Chernobyl Diaries [15]
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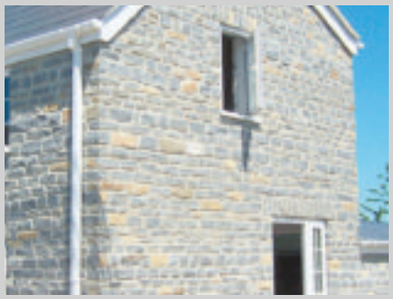

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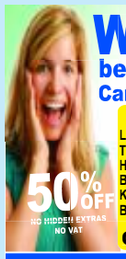

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CITROËN has announced the availability of a number of new options on selected DS5 models from 2 July, 2012.

New Citroën DS5 is the brand's first production model to feature Hybrid4 full diesel hybrid technology. From July, stylish 17-inch 'Houston' alloy wheels are available as a no-cost option on Hybrid4 DStyle and DSport versions. These smaller diameter alloy wheels reduce the cars' CO2 emissions from 107g/km to 99g/km - the same as the entry-level DSign Hybrid4 model. At 99g/km both models are exempt from the London congestion charge and the BiK tax rate reduces from 12 to just 10%.

Citroën has also confirmed two new Signature packs for DS5 HDi 160 DStyle & DSport models. The Sport Signature and Dark Sport Signature packs are priced at £650 and bring lowered suspension (by 7mm), black door mirrors and grey or black 19-inch 'Cairns' alloy wheels for the Sport Signature and Dark Sport Signature respectively.

On all DS5 THP 200 versions, the striking Dark Sport Signature is now specified as standard - at no extra cost - with the Sport Signature pack available as an alternative no-cost option.

Completing the July changes, New DS5's e-HDi 110 Airdream EGS6 powertrain has been renamed e-HDi 115 Airdream EGS6 to reflect a slight increase in power from 111hp to 114hp. The drivetrain's performance figures, fuel consumption and CO2 emissions are unaffected.

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TODAY, UK automotive reported record turnover for the sector, up more than 12% to £55 billion, with exports at record levels and increased investment across the industry. Independent forecasts suggest UK automotive is on course to hit all-time record manufacturing levels by 2015, while manufacturing plants continued to make considerable progress in reducing their environmental impact.

Data from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' (SMMT) 13th Annual Sustainability Report showed significant improvements against all key environmental performance indicators, while ensuring sustained investment and growth in manufacturing output.

"Automotive is continuing to lead the country's economic recovery, increasing manufacturing output, delivering record turnover and exporting a greater proportion of cars than ever before, all while reducing our environmental footprint. In a tough economic climate, the automotive sector has continued to perform above expectations, demonstrating the significant role it has to play in a re-balanced economy," said SMMT Chief Executive, Paul Everitt.

"Our industry is at the forefront of the drive to a low carbon economy attracting investment in the research, development and manufacture of low and ultra-low carbon technologies, creating new jobs and growth opportunities throughout the supply chain and introducing attractive products that are reducing transport emissions as well," he continued.

Today's new report reveals how the automotive industry consistently invests in young people with the latest figures showing a rise of around 12% in engineering apprenticeships in 2011. Initiatives such as See Inside Manufacturing are key to informing young people and their teachers and careers advisers of the rewarding range of engineering careers open to them in automotive. It also motivates young people to consider taking up a STEM subject (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to ensure UK automotive continues to attract bright and highly-skilled young talent.

To download SMMT's 13th Annual Sustainability Report, go to www.smmt.co.uk/sustainability. To read the latest announcements on investment, manufacturing expansion, new vehicle models and employment within the UK's automotive sector, go to www.smmt.co.uk/investment.

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Road deaths and serious injuries up, road safety spending down

FIFTY councils in England saw more than a ten per cent increase in killed and seriously injured (KSI) crash rates* between 2010 and 2011, according to IAM analysis of the new road accident figures*2.

The biggest increases in KSI numbers were in St Helens – 62 per cent, Portsmouth – 57 per cent, Stoke on Trent – 57 per cent, and Coventry – 51 per cent. A further 76 councils saw increases in the KSI rate above the national average of two per cent*3.

Local councils in England slashed their road safety budgets by 15 per cent *4 (£23 million) last year compared to average spending cuts of just six per cent for other council services.

In London the biggest increase in the number of KSIs was in Croydon where they rose from 87 in 2010 to 109 in 2011, 25 per cent, while the biggest decrease was in Bexley where KSIs decreased from 68 in 2010 to 49 in 2011, down 28 per cent.

Islington overtook Camden to have the highest rate of KSIs per vehicle mile of all the London boroughs, after KSIs rose from 81 to 100.

Overall, the annual number of people killed in road accidents has increased by three per cent, from 1,850 in 2010 to 1,901 in 2011. This is the first increase since 2003. The number of people reported killed or seriously injured has also increased by two per cent to 25,023 from 24,510 in 2010 – the first annual increase since 1994.

Despite the increase in KSIs last year there has been a 23 per cent reduction in deaths and serious injuries on England's roads over the last five years*5. The majority of councils have seen significant decreases in the numbers of KSIs over this period. However, fourteen councils have seen increases in the number of KSIs, the biggest being in Southampton, Portsmouth, Reading.

IAM chief executive Simon Best said: "It is concerning that road deaths and serious injuries rose last year. Road accidents usually drop during an economic recession, so this rise after continuous reductions over the last ten years, is particularly concerning.

"Ministers should take this as a serious warning. Cutting road safety education and reductions in local authority spending all suggest that road safety isn't a major priority for this government. We need targets on reducing casualties for local councils so that performance can be checked. This would help make sure that councils look at new and innovative ways to save lives on our roads."

1. *All KSI figures based on KSI rate per billion vehicle miles.
*2 Calculated from Department for Transport statistics 'Reported road casualties Great Britain: main results 2011' http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/releases/reported-road-casualties-gb-main-results-2011 and Reported road casualties 2010.
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*3 St Helens KSIs rose from 43 in 2010 to 73 in 2011.
Stoke on Trent KSIs rose from 45 in 2010 to 71 in 2011.
Portsmouth KSIs rose from 92 in 2010 to 143 in 2011.
Coventry KSIs rose from 90 in 2010 to 137 2011.
*4 The end of the road: Local investment in road safety in England - available at http://bit.ly/Ksv2Wx . Of the 81 councils contacted, 54.3 per cent of authorities were decreasing their investment in road safety by more than ten per cent. This is a much bigger cut than the overall reductions in local authority budgets.
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Ilminster teams top county leagues

SEVERALLS *with Pru Robbins*
ON Tuesday, June 26th we played away to Crewkerne in the Wessex Mixed Friendly League.

After a very competitive game we won 76–72 winning on two rinks and losing on the other two gaining 12 of the 16 points available.

Rink Scores: L.Noad, W.Gilbert, S.Rees & R.Devney 19 P.Whiteman 26. L.Freeman, M.Rawe, H.Black & D.Rees 19 M.Harwood 20. S.Hodder, A.Dow, B.McCallum & R.Hodder 17 J.Ramsey 14. H.Leamon, V.Black, C.Phinn & G.Chant 21 D.Lush 12.

On Friday, 29th June 29th we played the first of our Ladies matches this year away to Ilminster on a reasonably sunny afternoon. And after a very enjoyable game we won by 11 shots 41–30.

Rink Scores: Sue Hodder, Hilary Leamon & Ann Larcombe 16 Rita Grout 20. Maggie Gilbert, Pru Robbins & Sheila Rees 25 Norma Pugh 10.

On Sunday we held our Club Pairs Competition on a changeable but dry afternoon, and after a very competitive, but friendly game, the winners were Niranjan Patel & Roy Devney and the runners-up Tony Robins & Dave Rees.

CHARD *with Penny Herrick*
LAWN GREEN
ON Tuesday, 26th June, bowlers from Wincanton Bowling Club came to Chard to play on three rinks in the Wessex Mixed Triples League.

Chard won on two rinks and lost on one rink, but won overall by 64 shots to Wincanton's 41 shots.

The teams were; Celia Lambert, Mike Lancelott & Skip Bert Sams; Jill Wells, Ron Genge and Skip Barry Pinder; Maureen Sams, Dave Hall & Skip John Wells.

A League game scheduled to be played against Gillingham Bowling Club had to be postponed at their request.

However, Chard played on Friday, June 29th at home in another Wessex Mixed Triples League game against Yeovil Bowling Club.

The final scores were Chard 47 Yeovil 41 with Chard winning on two rinks and losing on one.

The teams were; Pauline Small, Edwin Herrick & Skip Ron Genge; Penny Herrick, John Wells & Skip Barry Pinder; Jill Wells, Dave Hall & Skip David Lawrence.

A friendly game was played simultaneously on a fourth rink. This game was drawn and was not part of the League game.

The Chard team was Terry O'Hara, Teresa Mumby & Skip Mike Lancelott.

SHORT MAT
CHARD'S Short Mat Bowlers played on Friday, 22nd June at home to bowlers from Hemyock Bowling Club.

Chard won on all four mats with 50 shots to Hemyock's 19. This is a good win for Chard as Hemyock won against Chard in the reverse match on the Hemyock mats.

Chard played at home against bowlers from Merriott Bowling Club. Chard won on two mats and lost on two mats. The final score was Chard 47 Merriott 24.

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ILMINSTER *with Des Maull*
AFTER four matches Ilminster A top the County Premier One League by five points and the B Team top South West Tow division by one point after six matches.

Ilminster Double Rink are through to the fourth round after beating Taunton 40-27, Ilminster Rinks: Matt Hamilton, Steve Turner, John Ridout & Louis Ridout 24 D Burch 11. Peter Mattravers, Bev Brister, Mark Denslow & Phil Downs 18 S Barnard 16. They now play Bloomfield in the next round.

The Top Club team are through to the fifth round after beating Parnell's 4-1, Ilminster: 4 wood Singles - Louis Ridout, 2 wood Singles - Peter Mattravers, Pairs Matt Hamilton & John Ridout, Triples Neil Rowe, Jason Miles & Mark Denslow.

Somerset County League, Ilminster A played at Banwell and in atrocious conditions won 10-2.

Ilminster Rinks: Ian Lightfoot, Dave Hynard, Jason Miles & Mark Denslow 28 J Davis 13. Kevin Hamilton, Bev Brister, Neil Rowe & Phil Downs 24 D Johnson 25. Matt Hamilton, Alan Holt, John Ridout & Peter Mattravers 20 B Taylor 15.

The B team played at Taunton Deane B and also won by 10-2, Ilminster Rinks Dean Patmore, Dave Crouch, Rowland Garland & Eric Keitch 22 B Doggett 14, Des Maull, Roger Brown, John Osborne & Barry Sims 11 J Bament 22. Andy Williams, Tony Cole, Keith Swift & Rodney Parkin 24 C Greeslades 18.

The C team played at Wyrral Park Glastonbury and had a very good result winning on all rinksand by 12-0.

Ilminster rinks: Colin Osborne, Gary Riste, Steve Webster & Sam Webster 27 R Clavey 10. Roy Orme, Jack Newman, Derek Carter & Cliff Whelan 18 K Lee 15, Anton Reimon, Mike King, Malcome Norton & Robin Trump 19 M Green 18.

Ilminster Played two 2 Counties Matches at Somerton on Monday winning on three rinks and losing on One. Ilminster 14pts Somerton 2.

And at home to our good friends from South Petherton on Thursday when, after a close match, Petherton came out winners on three rinks to Ilminster's one. Ilminster 2pts South Petherton 14.

South Petherton Ladies also won the two-rink friendly by 34 shots to 40.

CHARDSTOCK *with Gordon Bodily*
LADIES captain Sue Dando welcomed eight ladies from Feniton for a two-rink friendly on Monday, June 11th.

Scores: C Bradford, E Tuck, A Sebright & S Dando 14 G Blackmoor 20. P Baldwin, S Humphries, V Cole & B Sluman 18 C Granger 20. Final score Chardstock 32 Feniton 40.

On Tuesday, June 19th Ladies Captain Sue Dando welcomed nine ladies from South Petherton for a three-rink friendly.

Scores: P Baldwin, V Cole & B Sluman 17 H Cornelious 8. S Humphries, J Raikes & S Jeffery 10 D Lester 19. M Davenport, A Sebright & S Dando 20 E Beckey 15. Final score Chardstock 47 South Petherton 42.

The following day there was a mens over 60s match against St Thomas (Exeter).

Scores: T Bird, M Toms & N Denslow16 N Aitkin 11. J Tucker, K Warren & K Wakelin 16 B Reld 21. Final score Chardstock 32 St Thomas 32.

On Friday, June 22nd our visitors were Budleigh Salterton for a five-rink mixed friendly match.

Scores: T Bird, Veena Cole & J Marks 22 B Stance 11. A Dredge, B Andrews & A Day 9 G Roberts 21. A Callagan, M Rogers & D Eldridge 20 M Augene 11. B Howard, J Rolph & K Wakelin 20 T Stone 15. Cynthia Bradford, T Dredge & P Compton 35 J Watts 8. final score Chardstock 106 Budleigh Salterton 66..

Finally, on Sunday, June 24th the club played the anniversary cup match which this year was played as a pairs competition.

The runners-up were T Bird & A Day with a score of plus 4 and the winners were D Eldridge & T Dredge with a plus 12 score.

swimming Chard & District club news

Fifth place at Weston

CHARD & District Swimming Club squad of 12 and under swimmers competed in the final round of the Southern Junior League last weekend at Weston-super-Mare.

The team achieved a commendable fifth place, against some stiff competition ***WRITES HANNAH PULLINGER***.

Some great swims secured a total of 17 top three positions from: Elisha Hawkins 12, first in 50m Breaststroke, Abi Bonning 11, first 50m Freestyle, Leo Bonning 9, second 25m Freestyle and Backstroke, Jess Fowler 10, second 50m Backstroke, Lewis Pearson 12, second 50m Freestyle and third 50m Butterfly, Michael Moulding 9, third in 25m Breaststroke and 25m Butterfly, Xanthe Dyer 10, third 50m Butterfly, and Megan Herbert 10, third 50m Breaststroke events.

Relay successes: second place was achieved by the 10yr Girls Freestyle team, and third places went to the 9yr Boys Medley team, 10yr Boys Freestyle team, 11yr Boys Freestyle and Medley teams, and the 12yr Girls Medley team.

squad listing

The Junior League Squad swimmers for this Gala were:

Boys: Leo Bonning, Ben Webb, Michael Moulding, Freddie Lodder, Oscar Rens, Joss Copeman, Simon Davis, Oliver Bright, Oliver Parry-Leyshon, Ryan Adair, Ben Greenslade, Liam Mathieson, Henry Taswell,Leo Kindred, Lewis Pearson, Tom Simpson

Girls: Eden McDonald, Leonie Housham, Jess McAuley, Imogen Waterhouse, Daisy Brett, Jess Fowler, Megan Herbert, Xanthe Dyer, Holly Dickinson, Jess Patch, Abi Bonning, India Woodhams, Helen Underwood, Somer Horsfield, Tamsin Edge, Elisha Hawkins, Ella Harvey and Grace Haskins.

Swimmers of the Month

Meanwhile Swimmers of the Month for May were: Girls: Hannah Pullinger 16, for achieving a new South West Regional Qualifying time in the 50m Breaststroke setting a new Open Club record and going on to win a silver medal at the Regional Youth Championships, and Boys: Oliver Bilbie 14, for achieving his first South West Regional Qualifying time in the 100m Backstroke.

Chard Swimming Club are always looking for new members at all levels; we train at Axminster, Chard and Crewkerne with some sessions at the Millfield 50m pool.

If you are interested in finding out more or arranging a free trial, please contact our web site www.chardswimming.org

■ **TOP PERFORMERS: Hannah Pullinger and Oliver Bilbie were voted Swimmers of the Month for May**

rugby Chard RFC

CHARD Rugby Club will begin their pre season training next Tuiesday (July 10th).

Players are asked to report to the club at 6.30pm when coach Steve Broome will outline the pre-season programme to his players before getting down to business. New players are always welcome

On the playing side of things, Broome will continue as playing and coaching co-ordinator and Mark Parsons and Paul Nicholls will again be 1st XV captain and vice-captain respectively for newly promoted team as they launch their first ever season in south west division one.

The promoted 2nd XV, who will be in Somerset one next season, will have Matt Tinley as their skipper and Mick Duffy will be in charge of the 3rd XV next season.

The other positions for the 2nds and 3rds have yet to be decided.

skittles news

THE **Ilminster & District** Men's Skittle League is looking for teams of eight men to join the league for the 2012/13 season.

There are various alleys vacant in the Ilminster and district area.

Anyone wishing to join or would like more information can contact Neil on 01460 52203 or Mike on 01460 53855.

◆ **Crewkerne & District** League Skittlers, please be advised that the league's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12th at the Royal Oak, Crewkerne (8pm start).

ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT* puts Barrington CC's**
STEVE REDWOOD
UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in the local cricket scene? Who have you played for?

A Twenty Years - Barrington Cricket Club through-and-through except for a few games for Ilminster when I was 14!

Q Who are the best three players you've played alongside so far, and why?

A **Surrinder Doss** – Uncompromising, attacking batsmen who would take on any bowler, any time, and usually win. **Shaun French** – Determined, brave batsmen who was very attacking but could adapt in most situations - also a very good captain who is still sadly missed. **Trevor Pitman** - In his prime a quick left-arm swing bowler who could win games on his own whilst also being a very decent batsmen.

Q What's the best away ground you've played on?

A Sidmouth Cricket Club - Despite the fact that it always rains there, it is a marvellous place to play cricket.

Q How would you improve things at Barrington CC?

A The return of local cricketers wanting to play 1st team cricket to take on our local rivals like the good old days. There has been a trend in recent years where players have left Barrington to join local rivals. I believe local cricket needs local competition. Ten years ago we were competing with Chard and Ilminster and I would love those days to return.

Q Do any games stick out in your memory?

A August 31st 2002 v Chew Magna. We needed to avoid defeat to win the league and as such scored 342 for 6 and restricted Chew Magna for 196 in reply. A wonderful way to win promotion followed by minor cup success at the county ground the following day.

Q What are your career-best figures with bat and ball?

A 110 v Winscome (July 9th 2005) - my first home game as captain following the tragedy of Shaun French's death and as such it meant an awful lot to score a century. 5-36 v Uphill Castle 2008 - we only won three games that year and Uphill were top of the league at the time so it gave us real satisfaction.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A **Chris Bussell** - Just a shame he has left us to move to Ilminster (hopefully temporarily), **Daniel Brains** - A good young swing bowler who is improving quickly, **Dave Cornelius** - quite simply a legend in the making!

NEXT WEEK: Chard CC's
RICHARD ELSWOOD

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Johnson adds quartet to the squad

YEOVIL Town manager Gary Johnson continues to build his squad for next season with the recent signing of four new players; two with bags of experience and two youngsters looking to make their way in the game.

Striker James Hayter, who scored 107 goals for Bournemouth over 11 years, including five consecutive seasons as leading scorer, moved to Doncaster Rovers in 2007, where he notched another 35 goals. However, the 33-year-old was released in May and joins the Glovers on a two year contract.

Johnson has also added experience at the back through former Bristol City defender Jamie McAllister who made 210 appearances over six seasons for the Robins.

The 34-year-old Glasgow born left-back who was capped once by Scotland, has also signed a two year contract.

The Glovers boss, looking to the future has also recruited two relatively inexperienced players in Nathan Ralph and Lewis Young.

Ralph was attached to Arsenal as a schoolboy, but joined Peterborough on a scholarship. A left sided player who can play at full back or on the wing, he made 14 appearances for Blue Square Premier side Kettering Town last season.

Young (22), the younger brother of Manchester United's Ashley, is a winger who was released by Northampton this summer having spent two years at Watford where he made four appearances.

Caulker called-up

IT WAS obvious that when Steven Caulker joined Yeovil Town on loan in 2009, that he was going to be a successful footballer, even at the age of 18.

His poise, strength and reading of the game showed he was destined for much higher things with a maturity far beyond his age, despite playing in an ailing side.

I know I enjoyed watching him and so did most fans as he picked up nearly every end of season award.

With Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp guiding his charge through his footballing apprenticeship, it was no surprise either that the next season he was sent on loan to Championship side Bristol City, and then last season to newly promoted Premiership side Swansea City.

In each case he has stepped up to the plate and proved himself, and that must be a credit to Redknapp as well as Caulker.

Already an England U21 international, I have no doubt that he is on manager Roy Hodgson's radar as one for the future.

That success was recognised this week by his inclusion in the Great Britain Olympic football team managed by Stuart Pearce.

What a great opportunity therefore for Caulker and the other members of the 18-man squad, all but three who are under the age of 23, to gain experience of playing at international level.

It is unfortunate therefore that the Olympic football competition has been overtaken by the call from that part of the celebrity driven public to hang Pearce from the Tower of London for omitting Beckham from the team.

Yes there are three over aged players, Ryan Giggs, Craig Bellamy and Micah Richards who were as Pearce explained, selected on merit and recent form, neither criteria of which Beckham met.

No one can deny that Beckham's name and hard work helped to secure the London Olympics, nor that he has not been a great ambassador for British football.

However, whilst a good footballer, he was never great, and can't be compared to countryman Paul Gascoigne, let alone legends like George Best and Pele.

He doesn't even play in the Premiership, preferring to make his mark in the US with Los Angeles Galaxy.

Of course he would have loved to have been involved in the Olympics which is close to his birthplace of Leytonstone, but he did say that he only wanted to be considered on merit, and not be picked because they want someone to sell shirts. Well he has, and he wasn't!

Des Kelly in his column in Saturday's *Daily Mail* brilliantly summed up the negative result of Pearce's decision.

He described it as this week's episode of the Goldenballs soap opera, "a never-ending saga of mind-numbing celebrity tedium, where sport is reduced to Vicky Pollard sound-bites".

Despite Beckham's East London accent that gives the impression that he is not the sharpest button in the box, he obviously has a good brain in that head, and is aware exactly of how to win over people in order to line his pockets.

Unfortunately for him, 'Psycho' did not read the script, and the Beckham farewell party has not materialised.

The fact is Beckham was not good enough, so let's knock this on the head now.

The Olympics is a sport, not a sideshow for celebrities, so let's stop this whining and support the true Olympic spirit!

Summer football news

CHARD Town begin the build-up to their 2012-13 Toolstation western League campaign division one campaign with a series of friendlies.

First up is the short trip to premier division outfit Bridport on Tuesday (July 10th) - kick-off is 7.30pm.

This is followed a week later by the visit of Tintinhull who consolidated their first ever season in the Dorset Premier League with a creditable 13th place finish (7.30pm ko).

Full list of friendlies: **Bridport** (A) - Tuesday, July 10th 7.30pm ko, **Tintinhull** (H) Tuesday, July 17th 7.30pm ko, **Street** (H) - Saturday, July 21st 3pm ko, **Willand Rovers** (A) - Tuesday, July 24th 7.30pm ko, **Taunton Town** (H) - Saturday, July 28th 3pm ko, **Wincanton Town** (H) Tuesday, July 31st 7.30pm ko.

ILMINSTER TOWN FC: The search continues for a first team manager at Ilminster Town FC. For further details contact club secretary Andy Fish on 07875 378663, 01460 57440 or email eafish@btinternet.com

DIMENT TO LEAD SEASIDERS: Karl Diment, who led South Petherton to three successive Perry Street League Premier division titles has been appointed as the new manager at reigning champions Lyme Regis FC.

Diment succeeds Robin Townsend who has accepted the role as Bridport Reserves' joint-manager.

MARTOCK YOUTH: Martock Rovers under 12s football team school (year 6) is looking for new players for the 2012/13 season.

For further details contact the manager Shaun Thorne on 07807 835060 or email Shaun@thorneybrambles.co.uk

MERRIOTT & CREWKERNE LADIES FC: NEWLY-formed Merriott & Crewkerne Ladies FC are looking for players to boost their numbers.

Training starts on Tuesday (July 10th)at Henhayes, Crewkerne – 6.15pm.

If you're interested then contact Nick on 07733117982 or email nickmartin3748@gmail.com for further details or just turn up at training.

Busy time for Le Coadou team

LOCAL rally driver Gary Le Coadou has had a busy time recently in his Toyota Corolla WRC which started with a trip to the Midlands to participate in a National Asphalt Championship Round 'The Rally of the Midlands' and culminated with another Tarmac event held more locally at Smeatharpe near to Honiton.

The two-day event **Rally of the Midlands** attracted 80 competitiors to do battle over 90 competitive stage miles and incorporated 180 road miles in and around the Hinkley & Nuneaton area.

The main service area for the event and Rally HQ were at Mallory Park Race Circuit and stages were held in the grounds of Arbury and Merevale stately homes, Mira Test Proving Ground, Argents Mead Town Centre as well as Mallory Park Race Circuit.

Gary was in third place overnight after five stages on day one and then dropped to 11th position after problems on the morning stages of day two but after completing the 24th and Final stage he had moved back up and finished fifth overall.

The event was won by current British Asphalt Champion Damien Cole in his Ford Focus WRC and runner-up Steve Simpson in his Subaru S12 WRC. The event will be shown on Motors TV on July 13th -'Special Stage'.

On Sunday the **Three Counties Stage Rally** was being held at Smeatharpe Airfield and Gary and Paul were already due to be attending to service for Bill Paynter and Andy Hollingham.

It was then that they made the crazy decision that as the car had returned from the Midlands unscathed and was already in the trailer they'd give it another run!

So, yet another 6.30am start they joined the other 60 competitors to tackle the 45 miles spread over eight stages around the disused airfield.

After a slow start, they found themselves 12 seconds behind leader Mike Threlfall in his Mitsubishi Evo but they then set fastest time on five of the remaining six stages to finish second overall just two seconds behind.

■ **FLYING: Gary Le Coadou at the wheel of his Toyota Corolla WRC**
Photo by Rallygallery.com

SOMERSET CCC WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

Double blow

BACK-TO-BACK home defeats in the Friends Life T20 competition have seen Somerset toppled off the top-spot of the Midlands/Wales /West Group.

Friday, June 29th
Somerset 140-8 Gloucs 141-1

ALFONSO Thomas' decision to bat first backfired as he saw his charges stumble their way to 140-8.

All-rounder Albie Morkel top-scored with 33 (2x6) but the batting line-up's frustration was highlighted by a strangely out-of-sorts Joss Butler who was stumped for 23.

The Gloucestershire reply was dominated by a 115-run opening stand between skipper Hamish Marshall and Benny Howell.

Marshall eventually fell for a 48-ball 66 but the French-born Howell was unbeaten on a career-best 55 as the visitors cruised home with a colossal 32 balls to spare.

Sunday, July 1st
Worcestershire 173-7 Somerset 119

TWO days later Thomas again called correctly and this time opted to chase.

However, opponents Worcestershire took the early initiative with fine knocks from Moeen Ali (47, 23 balls), Vikram Solanki (33/33) and T20 joint top-scorer Phil Hughes (41/32).

Hughes was eventually forced to tread on his stumps by Steve Kirby who returned the best figures of 3-37 in a total of 173-7 that was boosted by six runs due to the hosts' slow over rate.

Somerset looked well-set at 51-1 after six overs but once Richard Levi (28/23) and Kevin O'Brien were parted the innings collapsed

Somerset Director of Cricket Brian Rose commented on the club's website: "We have a lot of thinking to do before our last two group games (away to Welsh Dragons and Worcestershire), but we have a lot of talent in the squad and there is no reason why we cannot still qualify.

"If we don't there will be serious financial implications for the club and the players. We have put ourselves under pressure with our last two performances and need to sort things out quickly.

"There are three teams now battling it out at the top of the group and we have to come up with the goods at Cardiff tomorrow."

The recent bad weather has forced the transfer of the CB 40 game scheduled for July 22nd from Bath to Taunton.

◆ Left-arm spinner Abdur Rehman is heading for the county ground.

The 32-year-old Pakistani replaces George Dockrell who will be missing for a month while he captain's the Irish team in the U19 World Cup in Australia.

Friends Life T20 - Midlands/Wales/West

	PW	L	D	T	NR	RR	Pts
Worcestershire	7	4	1	0	2	1.063	10
SOMERSET	8	4	2	0	2	0.239	10
Warwickshire	8	4	2	0	2	0.174	10
Gloucs	7	2	2	0	3	-0.184	7
Glamorgan	8	1	3	0	4	-1.147	6
Northants	8	1	6	0	1	-0.476	3

Clydesdale Bank 40 - Group B

	PW	L	D	T	NR	RR	Pts
Surrey	6	4	0	0	2	1.778	10
Hampshire	6	4	1	0	1	1.267	9
Durham	5	3	2	0	0	0.34	6
Notts	4	2	2	0	0	-0.518	4
Scotland	7	1	4	0	2	-0.895	4
Welsh Dragns	4	1	2	0	1	-1.002	3
SOMERSET	4	0	4	0	0	-1.403	0

LV=County Championship - Div One

	PW	L	D	Bt	Bwl	Deduct	Pts
Notts	8	4	0	4	10	21	0.0	107
Warwickshire	7	4	0	3	14	19	0.0	106
SOMERSET	9	2	1	6	22	24	0.0	96
Middlesex	8	3	1	4	18	17	0.0	95
Sussex	8	2	3	3	17	20	0.0	78
Lancashire	9	1	3	5	14	19	0.0	64
Surrey	8	1	3	4	8	21	1.0	56
Worcestershire	7	0	2	5	7	20	0.0	42
Durham	8	0	4	4	7	21	4.0	36

Tables as of July 2nd

Chard Evening cricket

Thorns target double

THE Chard Evening Cricket League's knockout-cup Final will be contested between Thorncombe and 3Cs.

In the semi-finals Tristan Wakeley hit 62 and took 3-25, and Scott Wells-Burr scored 50 as Thorncombe (182-5) beat Perry Street (153-7) by 29 runs. Rory Hellier made 61 for Perry Street.

In the other semi 3C's hit 154-2 with Dale Twiss scoring 77 and Nick Crew 48no. In reply, Broadway & Horton were 89-9, George Trott taking 3-13.

The final, and evening league presentation evening, will take place on Friday 13th July at Chard CC starting at 6.15p.m.

In league division one on Wednesday, June 27th 3C's scored 123-7 against Ilminster, with Mike Kennedy hitting 29. In reply Ilminster were 59 all out with Richard Scott taking 3-9. Thorncombe knocked off Barrington's 109 all out with 4 wickets to spare to remain odds-on favourites to win the league.

White Horse (117-6) beat Royal Oak (70 all out) by 47 runs. R.Yard top-scored with 41 as Combe St Nicholas recorded their first win of the season beating Hatch Beauchamp by 66 runs.

Broadway v Martock was off due to weather.

In Division two Kings Head were 84 all out against Perry Street who made 88-5 in reply with Rory Hellier scoring 29no.

Chardstock only lost two wickets in knocking off Merriott's 109 all out.

Finally, South Petherton hit 183-5 against Ilton with Kev Harris scoring 76 and Max Davies taking 3-18. In reply Ilton reached 142-7 with Mike Kowley undefeated on 56.

Division One	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
Thorncombe	8	5	3	0	26
White Horse	8	4	3	1	22
3 C's	8	4	2	2	20
Broadway & Horton	8	3	4	1	20
Martock	8	3	2	3	16
Royal Oak	8	3	1	4	14
Barrington	8	2	2	4	12
Ilminster	8	2	2	4	12
Hatch Beauchamp	8	2	1	5	10
Combe St Nicholas	8	1	2	5	8

Division Two	Pld	W	D	L	Pts
Perry Street	9	4	4	1	24
South Petherton	9	4	2	3	20
Kings Head	9	2	4	3	16
Merriott	9	2	4	3	16
Chardstock	9	3	2	4	16
Ilton	9	2	3	4	14

INSIDE EDGE

HOWARD LARCOMBE *rounds-up the local cricket scene*

Current tables

GLOBE SPORTSWEPL

Premier	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater	9	153
Bath	9	145
Corsham	9	119
Bristol	9	114
Downend	9	113
Taunton St Andrews	9	112
Frocester	9	78
ILMINSTER	9	75
Taunton Deane	9	67
Gloucester CW	9	60

Premier 2	Pld	Pts
Ashcott & Shapwick	9	141
Goatacre	9	118
Keynsham	9	112
Warminster	9	107
Weston-Super-Mare	9	107
Glastonbury	9	93
CHARD	9	90
Thornbury	9	82
Westbury & District	9	81
Chippenham	9	67

Somerset	Pld	Pts
Street	9	148
Staplegrove	9	118
Frome	9	111
Wembdon	9	108
Butleigh	9	105
Westlands Sports	9	94
Bishops Lydeard	9	92
ILTON	9	91
Uphill Castle	9	84
Winscombe	9	74

Prem 2 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
Ashcott & Shapwick	9	136
Gloucester CW	9	128
Weston-super-Mare	9	127
ILMINSTER	9	109
Cheltenham	9	107
Thornbury	9	100
Chippenham	9	88
Knowle	9	88
Glastonbury	9	70
Taunton	9	58

B&S 2nd XI	Pld	Pts
CHARD	7	139
Clevedon	7	131
Brislington	7	128
Old Bristolians	7	125
Bedminster	7	105
Chipping Sodbury	7	98
Bishopston	7	94
Midsomer Norton	7	76
Minehead	7	62
Bristol West Indians	7	39

BEST WESTERNSCL

Division 2	Pld	Pts
NORTH PERROTT	9	260
Huish & Langport	9	233
Wincanton	9	232
Castle Cary	9	232
North Newton	9	230
North Curry	9	224
Stogumber	9	194
Wells	9	151
BARRINGTON	9	136
Wedmore	9	133

Division 3	Pld	Pts
Westlands II	9	256
Street II	9	222
Bagborough	9	221
Burnham	9	208
Bridgwater A	9	191
Horrington	9	172
Uphill Castle II	9	168
SOUTH PETHERTON	9	145
Long Sutton	9	138
Huntspill & District	9	124

Crew and May tons in vain

REPORTS AND SCORECARDS
GLOBE SPORTS
WEST OF ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

A HARD-HITTING half-century from in-form Bath all-rounder Lloyd Davies saw **Ilminster 1st XI** stumble to a seven wicket defeat at the North Parade Ground last Saturday.

Ilminster skipper Sam Spurway won the toss and opted to bat first.

But Spurway, who top scored with a six boundary 40, saw his team lose wickets at regular intervals with the skipper's 52-run partnership for the fifth wicket with Craig Rice (24) the highlight as the visitors were dismissed for 142 in 35.1 overs.

Two wickets from Gary Larcombe (2-32) gave Ilminster some hope with the hosts on 74-3, but Davies proceeded to smash a 23-ball unbeaten 52 (6x4, 3x6) and Bath eased home.

Ilminster 1st XI (won toss)
L.Kraucamp lbw b Davies 7
G.Larcombe c Padgett b Stayt 15
S.Spurway*+ lbw b Green 40
J.Hurford c Lett b Stayt 0
J.Warry c Padgett b Stayt 5
C.Rice b Davies 24
J.Thompson c Lett b Marchant 13
M.Burfield b Green 0
D.Vining lbw b Stayt 12
H.Montacute c Stayt b Davies 10
R.Elswood not out 0
Extras 16
Total (all out, 35.1 overs) 142
Bowling: T.Stayt 7-1-11-4
F o W : 15,27,39,52,104,104,116,123,142,142.

Bath1st XI
A.Barrow c Warry b Larcombe 19
B.Staunton b Kraucamp 23
M.Smyth not out 26
R.Lett* c Warry b Larcombe 12
L.Davies not out 52
Extras 13
Total (for 3wkts, 28 overs) 145
Bowling: L.Kraucamp 10-0-38-1, H.Montacute 5-0-25-0, G.Larcombe 7-0-32-2, J.Thompson 2-0-13-0, R.Elswood 2-0-15-0, J.Warry 2-1-20-0

Premier 2

CHARD 1st XI won the bottom of the table clash with Chippenham in some style with a crushing 146-run triumph.

Chard skipper Jon Dalwood's decision to bat first after winning the toss was vindicated by fine half-centuries from Mike Kennedy (70) and Dale Twiss (58) as the team racked up 238 all out in 49 overs.

A fine all-round bowling display then saw Chard dismiss the visitors for just 92 with Chris Scott (3-20) and Scott Wells-Burr (3-29) the pick of the attack.

Chard 1st XI (won toss)
R.Glentworth c Prudhoe b Young 12
J.Hayes c Bates b Fry 1
D.Twiss c Ward b Bates 58
M.Kennedy c Ward b Couzens 70
E.Kuhn c & b Bates 2
J.Dalwood* c Young b Couzens 13
J.Scott c Bates b Fry 23
S.Wells-Burr c & b Couzens 12
J.Seward not out 12
C.Scott b Fry 2
N.Warren+ c Prudhoe b Bates 1
Extras 32
Total (all out, 49 overs) 238
Bowling: Bates 3-26, Fry 3-35, Couzens 3-24

Chippenham 1st XI
T.Young c Dalwood b Twiss 9
A.wilson b Wells-Burr 22
U.Qureshi b Dalwood 9
B.Cookson c Hayes b Wells-Burr 3
L.Ward run out 1
W.Couzens c Hayes b Wells-Burr 5
P.Bates c Glentworth b C.Scott 0
G.Prudhoe*+ not out 20
J.Rumble b C.Scott 0
T.Freegard lbw b C.Scott 11
C.Fry b Twiss 4
Extras 8
Total (all out, 37.5 overs) 92
Bowling: S.Wells-Burr 10-1-29-3, D.Twiss 8.5-3-22-2, C.Scott 10-4-20-3, J.Dalwood 9-4-19-1.

ROUND-UP

ILTON 1st XI's scheduled Somerset division match at Winscombe was cancelled without a ball being bowled.

Meanwhile a superb 102 from opener Chris May couldn't save **Ilminster 2nds** (253 all out) from a 58-run defeat in a high-scoring encounter with Weston-super-Mare 2nds (311-4) at the Rec.

Ian Masters weighed-in with 42 and took 2-51 as the hosts attack was put to the sword.

Table-topping **Chard 2nds** managed just eight overs at Bishopston where the hosts had reached 20-0 when the rains came.

BEST WETERNSHRUBBERY HOTEL SOMERSET LEAGUE

North Perrott 1st XI extended their league at the top of the Somerset league division two to 27 points with a winning draw at title-rivals North Curry.

The Perrott attack was far from its best as the hosts compiled an imposing 283-7 with Stacey Hawes (3-50) the pick of the bowlers.

The visitors reply was a rain-affected reply. With the score at 77-0 15 overs were lost and the team were left to target batting points. Skipper Gordon Whorlow struck 77no and Josh Marshall-James 45.

Not such a good day for **Barrington 1st XI** (108 all out) who were well-beaten by visiting Castle Cary (110-5).

In division three an unbeaten 63 from Marc Walmesley helped **South Petherton 1st XI** (180-4) climb out of the bottom two after a draw that reaped 24 points at Horrington (102-2).

North Perrott 2nds (216-4) made ground at the top of division four with a comfortable six-wicket win over Kilve.

Jake Symes took 4-15 as the visitors were dismissed for 212. Stars of the Perrott reply were Dom Barnes (68), Pete Ireland (45) and George Johnson (40).

In division five Ian Hosken top-scored with 39 as **Broadway & Horton** (117-9) beat Mark (114-5) by one wicket.

Meanwhile a century from Nick Crew (101) failed to prevent **Chard A** (184-8) from sliding to a three wicket defeat against visiting Hardington & West Coker (185-7).

In division seven, title-chasing **Ilminster A**'s lead at the top was cut to 13 points after their scheduled trip to Banwell & Churchill was rained-off.

Down at the other end of the table **Barrington 2nds** (158 all out) dropped into the bottom two after a three-wicket reverse at Glastonbury Lambs (160-7).

Stuggling **South Petherton 2nds** (86-6) closed the gap at the foot of the division eight table with a 17 point haul after drawing with Spaxton (162-3) at Lightgate Lane.

Finally, the local-derby at the Rec ended in a narrow 11-run victory from **Chard 750** (168-8) over hosts **Ilminster B** (157).

Star of the Chard innings was S.Dening who clipped a fine unbeaten 96 while Sam Grinter took 5-20. In reply, Paul Sainsbury top-scored with 33 but R.Stoodley's haul of 5-13 proved crucial.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES
West of England League
Premier One: Ilminster v Frocester. Premier Two: Weston-super-Mare v Chard. Somerset Division: Staplegrove v Ilton. Premier Two 2nd XI: Thornbury v Ilminster. B&S 2nd XI: Chard v Bristol West Indians.

West of England League
Division Two: Barrington v North Perrott. Division Three: Uphill Castle v South Petherton. Division Four: North Perrott 2nds v Frome. Division Five: Taunton A v Broadway & Horton. Division Six: Chard A v Taunton St Andrews. Division Seven: Temple Cloud v Barrington 2nds, Ilminster A v Purnells. Division Eight (S): South Petherton 2nds v All Saints. Division Nine (SE): Westlands v Chard 750, Ilton 2nds v Curry Rivel, Leigh-on-Mendip v Ilminster B. (Sunday: Ilton v Lydford)

DORSET FUNERAL PLAN LEAGUE
Division 5 (N&W)

CREWKERNE reignited their Dorset League Division 5 North West promotion push on Saturday, following back-to-back defeats, with a comfortable six wicket victory against Cerne Valley 2nds at Henhayes.

Crewkerne quickly had the visitors in trouble as both Richard Wakely (2-17), playing his first match for nearly a year, following his travels abroad and Darren Parsons (1-14) quickly made early in roads

The remainder of the Cerne Valley line up had little answer spin duo Robbie James (5-10) and Mark Culpitt (2-34) who helped to bowl the visitors out for just 80.

In reply, Crewkerne found themselves in a spot of bother early on, losing both openers for ducks in the first 2 overs, with 0 on the board.

However Nick Keylock and Jon Gould (14) went some way to repairing the early damage as the score progressed the score to 30.

When Gould departed Keylock (15no) dropped anchor and Wakely played some glorious cover drives.

The duo shared a 50-run partnership, before Wakely was bowled for 37, but it didn't stop Crewkerne easing to victory.

Crewkerne welcome Abbotsbury tomorrow with a largely unchanged side, barring leading wicket taker Robbie James who is unavailable.

Team: A Lawrence (Captain), Steve Briggs, T Briggs, G Carr, R Cornelius, M Culpitt, J Gould, R James, N Keylock, Richard Keylock, F Medley, P Palfrey, D Parsons, S Rowswell, R Wakely, R Wetherall, G Woodgate. Players to meet at Henhayes 1.15pm for a 2pm start.

Crewkerne's friendly team will be keen to get back into action this Sunday, following last Sunday's opponents Uplyme & Lyme Regis being unable to raise a side.

The team are scheduled to travel to Kingsdon; H Hodder (Captain), N Bodger, M Brockwell, S Briggs, A Bryant, S Cooper, R Cornelius, E Hawkins, T Johnson, A Kember, N Keylock, Richard Keylock, Robert Keylock, A Lawrence, F Medley, J Osborne, P Palfrey, M Pearce, G Preston, S Rowswell, D Sansom, R Wakely. Players meet at Wadham 1.30pm or Kingsdon 2pm for a 2.30 start.

FRANCIS CLARKE DEVON LEAGUE
Division F

CHARDSTOCK (71 all out) suffered a heavy defeat on their visit to Chelston.

The hosts totalled 192-8 (J.Hayden 5-40) and cruised to victory with only Nick Copp (22) adding any real resistance.

YOUTH CRICKET
Westland Whirlwinds U14s 35 all out
Ilminster 36-0
Mid Wessex League Cup Semi-final
(28th June)

ILMINSTER U14s kept their unbeaten record intact with a crushing 10 wicket win away at Westland Whirlwinds in the Semi-final of the Mid Wessex League Cup.

Ilminster asked Westlands to have a bat and immediately had the home side in all sorts of trouble.

Westlands were soon all out for 35 in 15 overs. Ilminster's Lewis Williams ended with figures of 4-1-8-4 and Luke Knight 3.2-0-7-3.

Ilminster's opening batsmen George Hayward and Will Halaran then just took four overs to knock-off the runs to cruise to an emphatic victory.

Ilminster now look forward to getting back to league duties next week with a game against Hardington & West Coker.

Crewkerne under 14s

■ CREWKERNE under 14 cricketers pictured before last week's 35-run defeat at Hardington & West Coker.

BEST WESTERNSCL

Division 4	Pld	Pts
Wellington II	9	264
NORTH PERROTT II	9	240
Wembdon	9	219
Staplegrove	9	207
Cheddar II	9	194
Fitzhead	9	188
Kilve	9	186
Weston-super-Mare III	9	169
Frome II	9	149
Curry Rivel	9	125

Division 5	Pld	Pts
Cranmore	7	220
Mark	8	188
BROADWAY & HORTN	8	181
Leigh-on-Mendip	8	160
Sparkford	8	143
Trull	8	141
Taunton A	8	135
East Coker	6	132
East Huntspill	6	131

Division 6	Pld	Pts
Hardington & W.Coker	9	256
Lydford	9	242
Huish & Langport	9	235
Baltonsborough	9	216
Bishops Lydeard II	9	195
CHARD A	9	163
Taunton Deane Cav	9	155
Butleigh II	9	153
Taunton St Andrews A	9	123
Bridgwater Sports	9	77

Division 7	Pld	Pts
ILMINSTER A	9	245
Purnells II	9	232
Castle Cary II	9	232
Banwell & Churchill	9	214
Winscombe II	9	193
Glastonbury Lambs	9	192
Barton St David	9	156
Temple Cloud II	9	155
BARRINGTON II	9	140
Uphill Castle Cavaliers	9	94

Division 8S	Pld	Pts
Middlezoy II	9	252
Chilton Polden	9	216
Watchet II	9	202
Wembdon Wyverns	9	198
Spaxton	9	198
North Petherton II	7	186
ALL SAINTS	7	180
Burnham II	7	160
Taunton Deane Crus	7	153
SOUTH PETHERTON II	7	146

Division 9SE	Pld	Pts
Westlands III	12	296
Huish & Langport III	11	257
Lydford II	10	230
ILMINSTER B	12	224
ILTON II	9	204
Wincanton II	8	186
CHARD 750	10	186
Cranmore III	10	151
Long Sutton II	10	126
Leigh-on Mendip II	9	94
Curry Rivel II	9	-107

READERSMID-WESSEX

Division 1	Pld	Pts
BROADWINDSOR	7	87
Milborne Port	6	75
Wincanton	6	75
W & M CHINNOCK	5	72
Westland	6	71
Queen Camel	8	66
White Horse	7	61
Ilchester	7	60

Division 2	Pld	Pts
Compton Dundon	5	74
Hardington & WC	4	50
Cranmore	3	42
MARTOCK	3	15
Chetnole	1	2

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